

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the final Office Action dated May 18, 2010 within two months. The Examiner rejects all pending claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, and 26-29. Applicants add new claim 30. Support for the amendments and new claim may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and new claim. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 26, 28 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner objects to the claim elements “analyzing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount,” “determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount,” “transmitting, by the computer based system, a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount,” and “processing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount based on the classification.” Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s rejections. In particular, the Specification provides:

[A] capture review component 208 may be provided to review transaction data captured from various remote terminals 110 and to immediately identify any errors therein. Such errors may include un-reconcilable transaction amounts or the like. Errors may thus be immediately reported to appropriate remote terminals 110 to avoid later reconciliation errors. This component 208 may be provided with various functions for capturing financial data transmitted by various remote terminals 110. This component 208 offers flexibility to accommodate capture of data from standardized templates and also facilitates customized templates for different types of files.¹

[Additionally, a] matching component 214 may be provided for matching (reconciling) the data being captured in the system. This component 214 facilitates both manual and scheduled reconciliations. Scheduled reconciliation can be performed either using the pre-defined rules or by customized rules that may be defined by an authorized user.²

¹ Paragraph 0037 of the originally filed Specification.

² Paragraph 0039 of the originally filed Specification.

Moreover, the Examiner asserts that “upon closer review of Applicants’ disclosure, there is no support describing a classification determination process.” However, in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (discussed below), the Examiner asserts that Applicants own specification is prior art for the element “determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount.” Applicants assert that the specification is per se sufficient to support for a classification determination process where the Examiner relies on the Applicants’ own specification in formulating the rejection for the “determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount” element under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) discussed below. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requested withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects 1, 7, 12, and 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0114239), Tkayczyk (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0059597), Lyons (U.S. Patent No. 5,189,608), and Admitted Prior Art (Applicants’ Specification) in view of Bissonett (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0051917). The Examiner rejects claims 2-3, 6, 8, 11 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone, Tkayczyk, Lyons, Admitted Prior Art, and Bissonett in view of Crozier (U.S. Patent No. 5,392,390). The Examiner rejects 9, 14, 15, 18, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone, Tkayczyk, Lyons, Admitted Prior Art, and Bissonett in view of Their (U.S. Patent No. 7,130,822). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s rejections; however, Applicants amend certain claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further clarify the patentable aspects and to expedite prosecution.

Applicants do not concede that Fiascone is indeed prior art with respect to this application, and Applicants reserve the option to antedate Fiascone. Moreover, Applicants assert that Fiascone does not qualify as prior art under 102(a)/103(a) as asserted by the Examiner³ because Fiascone has a publication date of May 26, 2005 and the present application has a filing date of December 15, 2003.

Nonetheless, Applicants maintain that Fiascone is limited to a system which collects data from various sources, and then compiles the data together at the central collection point in a common data format. Once the data is in a common format, the data can be compared based on a user selected parameter. However, Fiascone does not disclose or contemplate a customization tool

which is configured to allow an operator at a remote site to customize a standardized template. Fiascone does not disclose a system configured to consolidate data from a standardized template and data from a customized template into a master data format. Moreover, the system of Fiascone does not analyze, or classify un-reconciled data.

Tkaczyk discloses a system to create a plurality of standardized templates for inputting CS (clinical study) data, but not for converting or transforming the data from one format to another. As such, Tkaczyk teaches away from the presently claimed invention, by requiring that the data be initially inputted in a format that is consistent with a master data format, so that when records are compiled with the master data, the data is able to be integrated into the master data without conversion or processing. Like Fiascone, Tkaczyk, does not disclose or contemplate a customization tool which is configured to allow an operator at a remote site to customize a standardized template. Additionally, Tkaczyk does not disclose a system configured to consolidate a data from a standardized template and data from a customized template into a master data format.

Lyons discloses a system for standardizing the financial information accounting systems of an organization. However, the system does not provide for capturing data at a remote terminal or for identifying and analyzing un-reconciled data. Moreover, like Fiascone and Tkaczyk, Lyons does not disclose or contemplate a customization tool which is configured to allow an operator at a remote site to customize a standardized template. Additionally, Lyons does not disclose a system configured to consolidate a data from a standardized template and data from a customized template into a master data format.

Similarly, neither Bissonett, Crozier, nor Their, disclose or contemplate systems that would cure the deficiencies of Fiascone, Tkaczyk, or Lyons as discussed above.

As such, Applicants assert that the cited references, alone or in combination, do not disclose or contemplate at least, “transmitting, by a computer based system for managing financial data, a standardized template for capturing remote financial data and a **customization tool** to a plurality of remote terminals, the standardized template operable on a plurality of operating systems, wherein the **standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals,**” or “**matching, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules,** wherein the master

³ See, Final Office Action dated May 18, 2010, p. 17

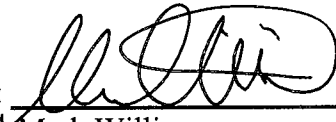
financial data is stored in a first format, a first remote terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and **wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to a first format**" (emphasis added) as similarly recited in independent claims 1, 28, and 29.

Furthermore, claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-12, 26-27 and 30 variously depend from independent claim 1. As such, Applicants assert that claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-12, 26-27 and 30 are differentiated from the cited references for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own novel features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. If an extension of time is necessary, please accept this as a petition therefore. Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

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